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Health Department,
Ilfracombe.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. WILLIAMS,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Staff:

Part-Time Officer:

Medical Officer of Health—
E. Williams, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Whole-Time Officers:

Senior Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent, Housing Officer, Petroleum Inspector.

D. G. Andrews, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

Clerk—B. T. Down.

Statistics.

General Statistics.

Area (Land and Inland Water)	5,627 acres
Population :—	
Mid 1966 Estimate	8,230
Rateable Value (1-4-66)	£336,026
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,328
Bright sunshine during 1966	1530.3 hours
Rainfall during 1966	42.82 inches

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

Births : Area Comparability Factor	1.28
Deaths : ,, ,, ,, ...	0.67

Vital Statistics.

Live Births—	
Number	140
Rate per 1,000 population	17.01
Rate per 1,000 population, adjusted by Comp. Factor	21.77
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	15.0%
Stillbirths—	
Number	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Total Live and Still Births	140
Infant Deaths, (deaths under 1 year)	Nil
Infant Mortality Rates—	
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births ...	Nil
Legit ,, ,, ,, ,, Legit ,, ,, ...	Nil
Illegit. ,, ,, ,, ,, Illegit. ,, ,, ...	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)	Nil
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births)	Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under week combined, per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births)	Nil

Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)	
Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths	143
Death Rate per 1,000 population	17.37
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, adjusted by Comp. Factor	11.54

BIRTHS.	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ...	63	56	
Illegitimate ...	11	10	
	74	66	140

DEATHS.	Males	Females	Total
	76	67	143

Table showing Causes of Death at different periods of life during 1966.

CANCER DEATHS.

	Male	Female
Stomach	2	1
Lung and Bronchus ...	10	—
Breast	—	4
Uterus	—	1
Others	7	3

There were no Infant deaths under the age of 1 year and no deaths due to childbirth.

Table showing the certified Causes of Death in the district during 1966.

Registrar General's Figures.

	Males	Females
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	10	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	7	3
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	2
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	19
Coronary Disease, Angina	20	13
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	1
Other heart disease	8	11
Other circulatory disease	2	—
Pneumonia	5	5
Bronchitis	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	—
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	3	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	—
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	2	—
	76	67

Infectious Diseases.

Nineteen infectious disease cases were notified during the year.

Measles ...	10
Scarlet Fever ...	1
Pul. Tuberculosis	7
Non Pul. Tuberculosis	1

Of the 7 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 3 were females and 4 were males ; with regard to the males, 2 had contracted the disease elsewhere and were not residents in the town.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospitals.

The hospital services for Ilfracombe and the surrounding areas are administered by the South-West Regional Hospital Board through the North Devon Hospital Management Committee.

The hospitals situated in the town are the Ilfracombe and District Tyrrell Hospital which has 32 beds and the Bicclescombe Hospital which has ten beds for convalescent patients, ten for maternity cases and four ante-natal beds.

Isolation of Infectious Diseases.

The Kingsley Hospital at Bideford is available for infectious diseases other than small pox.

Small Pox. Liskeard Small Pox Hospital is the one to which any cases of small pox will be sent.

Special ambulance transport can be obtained through Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. No. Plymouth 64101.

Laboratory Facilities. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

Ambulance Services. Two motor ambulances, under the control of the County Health Authority, are stationed at Ilfracombe and operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Orthopædic Clinic. Held at Boutport Street, Barnstaple, the first Friday in each month at 11 a.m. by appointment.

Chest Clinic. At the North Devon Infirmary Annexe, Barnstaple. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. for clinic and X Ray examinations, and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Venereal Diseases Clinic. This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Females : Mondays 4-0 p.m. Thursdays 4-30 p.m.

Males : Mondays 5-15 p.m. Thursdays 5-45 p.m.

The following sessions are held at the Welfare Centre, Market Street :—

Child Welfare Centre	Thursdays, 2—4-30 p.m.
Ante Natal Clinic	2nd & 4th Mondays 2-30 to 4-30 p.m.
School Clinic	Daily 9—9-15 a.m. during term.
Consultation Clinic School Children	1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Dental Clinic	Fridays, 9-30 to 11-30 a.m.
Polio Immunisation Clinic	Fridays, 2 p.m.
	By Appointment Only.
Ophthalmic Clinic	3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon odd months, January, etc.
Speech Therapy	Alternate Mondays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon and 2—4-30 p.m.
Chiropody Clinic	Tuesdays, 9 a.m.—12 noon and 2—4 p.m.
Hearing Assessment Clinic	2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon.

Mass Radiography Service.

The Mobile Mass X-Ray Unit visits the town on alternate Wednesdays.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Sect. 47.

No elderly persons were removed compulsorily from their homes to County Welfare Centres during the year.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This Service, run by the W.V.S., commenced 1963 by serving 15 meals to persons in need of the service twice weekly, during 1966 increased to 30 meals per session.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1966.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my first Annual Report relating to work of my Department for the year ending 31st December, 1966, I having commenced my duties on the 17th October, 1966.

During the year, one building was converted into three two-bedroomed units of accommodation. There appears to be need for the construction of further units of accommodation for letting. At the end of the year there were 80 applicants on the waiting list for one-bedroomed accommodation, 50 applicants for two-bedroomed accommodation, 31 applicants for three-bedroomed accommodation, and 6 applicants for four-bedroomed accommodation. The greatest need seems to be for one-bedroomed accommodation, principally for elderly people.

During the year the new toilets were completed in Market Square, which have excellent facilities, including washing facilities with hot and cold water supply.

The toilets in Market Square are solely for public use, as the Alexandra Theatre, which is adjacent to them, now possesses its own conveniences.

Some existing toilet blocks were provided with wash-hand basins and cold water supply during the year and it is intended to provide more during the coming year, until all have this facility.

As I only commenced my duties with this Authority late in the year, I am not able to make any comments on refuse collection during the Summer Season, but the Council agreed in November to allow the

collection teams to leave work when their daily task was completed, subject to one vehicle being kept at the Hele Depot on 'stand-by' until normal finishing time, to pick up any bins missed during the day. The Council also agreed during the latter part of the year that the refuse staff should receive the proceeds of sale of all salvage collected by them. The result of this action by the Council has been to make for smoother working by the refuse staff and has resulted in less overtime being worked during the winter months.

By the end of the year a total of 47 premises had been given a general inspection under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. I shall endeavour during the coming year to complete a substantial proportion of those premises still awaiting inspection, but this will, of course, depend upon the time taken up by other work in the Health Department.

When food premises are inspected under the above Act, they are also inspected under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations. The general standard in most food premises inspected so far has been found to be satisfactory.

During the year 1,370 visits were made by Mr. Karslake and myself and 603 interviews granted in relation to the work of the Department.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council and Officers for their support during the year and in particular I wish to thank my Clerk, Mr. Down, for his invaluable assistance.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. G. ANDREWS, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1966.

Public Health	*Visits*	*Revisits*
General	112	76
Infectious Diseases	1	1
Rooms disinfected	—	—
Refuse (including bins)	151	1
Refuse (Trade)	—	—
Litter	2	2
Accumulations	1	—
Camping and Caravans	13	1
Drains	32	24
Drains tested	18	—
Sewers and Sewage disposal	6	1
Insect Pests	3	3
Refuse Tip	171	2
Complaints	21	—
Rodent Control	22	—
Public Conveniences	75	3
Pet Shops	—	—
Depot	30	—
Water Supply	—	—
Theatre/Entertainments	1	—
Swimming Baths	2	—
Sanitary Accommodation (Section 44) ...	1	1
Diseases of Animals	—	—
Animal Boarding Establishments Act ...	—	—
Housing		
General	214	29
Overcrowding	2	1
Grants	17	8
Inspections (Regulations)	—	—
Applications	79	1
Interviews	39	—
Sites	—	—
Complaints	14	—
Conversions	—	—
Certificates of disrepair	—	—

	Visits	Revisits
Petroleum Act	6	—
Petroleum Tank Tests	2	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	32	4
Factories (with power)	3	—
(without power)	1	—
Sites, etc.	1	—
Food and Drugs		
Regulations	49	9
Ice Cream	2	—
Milk and Dairies	4	—
Meat and Foods	14	—
Markets	5	—
Meetings	32	—
Miscellaneous Visits	44	—
Interviews, etc.	564	—

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no houses registered in the district.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Refuse	232
Drains, sewers and closets	12
Food and Drugs	4
Housing matters	4
Holiday Accommodation	3
Streams	4
Smoke	1
Rats and Mice	64
Animals, Birds and Insects	10
Smell	8
Accumulations and Litter	5
Other Public Health matters	2
Public Conveniences	4
Noise	2
Miscellaneous	10
Total ...	365

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Summary of items which received attention

Washbasin provided	1
Yard surface repaired	1
Walls and floors repaired	4
Sinks replaced	2
Ceilings repaired	1

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS RECORDED.

Work done 1966 as a result of action taken :—

	Informal Notice	*Statutory Notice*
Drains cleared	10	—
Drains repaired	1	1
Drains relaid	2	—
New covers to inspection chambers provided	3	—
Chambers repaired	1	—
Drainage system provided	—	1
Floors repaired	1	—
Refuse kept dry	1	—
Rain water pipe repaired	1	—
W.C. compartment made safe ...	1	—
Roofs repaired	3	—
Glazing repaired	1	—
Wash-hand basin replaced	1	—
Dustbins provided	—	—
Dog kept under control	1	—
Gutters repaired	3	—
Accumulations removed	3	—
Premises treated for dry rot ...	1	—

During the year, 77 Informal Notices and 8 Statutory Notices were served under the Public Health Acts.

	Informal	*Statutory*
Public Health Acts	35	5
Housing Acts	7	3
Food and Drugs Act	11	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	24	—
Total	77	8

Factories Act, 1961.

I. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	1	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	41	3	—	—
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	4	—	—	—
Total	60	4	Nil	Nil

2. **Cases in which Defects were found**

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Number of defects in which Prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK.

	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
Nature of Work	Number of outworkers in August	Number of Cases of Default in sending lists	Number of prosecutions for failure to send lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel —Making etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Plastics ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shoe repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Clean Air Act. Ilfracombe is essentially a health resort with little atmospheric pollution from manufacturing processes. No complaints were received during the year.

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(a) By the Local Authority	—
(b) By private enterprise	45
(c) Converted into three flats	1

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	40
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	260
(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	—
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	—
(*c*) Number of notices served to remedy defects ...	—
2. Houses Demolished	3
3. Unfit Houses Closed as a result of Action under the Housing Acts	—
4. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were remedied:	
After informal action	42
After formal action under	
(a) Public Health Acts (1) by Owners	5
(2) by L.A. in default ...	—
(b) Housing Acts	3

Housing. There is still a fairly large number of applicants for re-housing by the Council, although in many cases present living standards are fairly reasonable.

The Wilder Park Flats for old people have proved very successful. Mrs. Braund has shown herself to be a very efficient Warden, carrying out her duties with great tact and patience at all times, and speaking generally the community at the flats is a very contented one.

A scheme to improve the twelve flats at Quayfield Road should be submitted to the Council for consideration in the first half of next year.

Action under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957, resulted in 3 properties being demolished as a result of demolition procedure.

Re-housing. During the year 22 Council houses were let as a result of changes of tenancy, and 11 tenants exchanged occupation of Council owned properties. The three two-bedroomed flats at 87 St. Brannocks Road were allocated in November.

Overcrowding and Certificates of Disrepair. Twe cases of overcrowding were reported and subsequently abated after informal action. No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. There are 4 sites licenced under the provisions of the above Act, and one site is operated by the Caravan Club.

Tenting. Four sites are used for tenting (including one under the control of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). Sanitary accommodation and water supply is available.

14 visits were paid to sites during the year.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board. 81 bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and all proved satisfactory.

The following information has been supplied by the Board.

The water supply has been entirely satisfactory in quality and in quantity.

Bacteriological samples are taken weekly and duplicate examination results are sent to the Council. These samples are taken from consumers' taps at various points in the town. Samples for bacteriological analyses are not normally taken of the raw water as this is known to vary from day to day according to rainfall.

The water supplied from Hore Down is slightly plumbo-solvent at the source, although this is corrected by treatment at Friendship before the water is put into supply.

No action has been necessary with regard to contamination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains is 3,370.

Natural Fluoride content of water .02 part per million.

Swimming Baths. The Council operate one of the largest covered sea water swimming baths in the South West. It is very old and in need of improvement.

There are three Private Swimming Baths attached to Hotels. The water is filtered and chlorinated.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

No premises are used as slaughterhouses in the district.

The number of food and other shops in this area are :

Cafés	53
Canteens	9
Bakehouses	5
Grocers and Dairies ...	38
Greengrocers	11
Butchers	11
Fishmongers	3
Fish and Chip Shops ...	4
Confectioners, Tobacconists and Newsagents ...	25
Public Houses and Licensed Premises	24
Ladies' and Gents' Outfitters	24
Boot and Shoe Shops ...	5
Multiple Stores	4
Jewellers and Opticians ...	5
Chemists and Toilet ...	5
Fancy Goods, Toys and Photography ...	28
Hairdressers	8
Furniture Shops ...	1
Ironmongers, Decorators and Cycles ...	11
Electrical Goods ...	4
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	2
Garages and Petroleum Sales	17
Betting Shops	3

Unsound Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption :
18cwt. 5lbs.

Unsound food is disposed of by burying at the Council Refuse Tip.

In most cases the food condemned originated from deep freeze cabinets which had broken down.

Food Poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	Number of Premises regd. during the year	Total number of regd. Premises at end of year	Number of registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	39	—
Retail Shops ...	—	101	21
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ...	—	3	1
Catering establishments open to the public,	—	37	—
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage Depots ...	—	1	—
TOTALS	1	181	22

Table B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises ... 36

Table C. Persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed M	F	Total
Offices	91	77	168
Retail Shops	155	248	403
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ...	9	3	12
Catering establishments open to the public	108	181	289
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage Depots	2	—	2
TOTALS ...	365	509	874

Table D. Exemptions. Nil

Table E. Prosecutions. Nil

Table F. Inspectors.

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act ... ... One

Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act ... ... None

MILK SUPPLY.

The County Council's Licence permits pasteurising at the Local Dairies under the Food and Drugs Act.

Ice Cream. No samples were taken during 1966.

There is 1 premises registered for the manufacture, 45 premises licensed for the sale, and 1 for the storage of ice cream.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960. 58 visits were made in connection with the regulations.

Food & Drugs Sampling.

Devon County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for this area. and in November the Council agreed that in future all complaints relating to unsound food should be passed to the County Council for any action that Authority considered necessary.

Rodent and Pest Control.

Rodent Control. This service is carried out on a part-time basis by a Council employee who does routine inspections and treatments using warfarin poison.

No major infestations were reported during the year.

The Refuse Tip is daily inspected for rat infestation and if any activity is found, treatment is carried out immediately.

The use of warfarin poison reduces risk of danger to domestic animals to minimal proportions and no cases of warfarin-prejudice was encountered during the year.

Pest Control. Wasps. In all cases advice is given on the best methods to be adopted for the extermination of these pests.

REFUSE

Vehicles. The Council have three vehicles in use, one being laid up at Hele Depot during the winter months. The vehicles are :

(1) Ford 15 cwt. with specially constructed body for refuse collection, purchased August, 1964.

(2) Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft Tipper with compression plate, purchased in May, 1960.

(3) Shelvoke and Drewry TN type Continuous Loader, purchased in April, 1966.

Collection Service. Household refuse is collected weekly throughout the Urban District. Two collections are made each week during the summer months from Hotels and Guest Houses which are so assessed for rating purposes.

Further collections are made if requested on payment of 10/- per bin per additional collection per week for the summer season and pro rata charges are made for the collection of trade refuse, varying from £1 11s. 6d. to £5 12s. 6d. according to quantity to be removed.

Disposal of Refuse. The Refuse Tip at Killacleave Wood serves the District and controlled tipping is carried out.

A B85 tracked vehicle is employed at the Tip which was purchased in May, 1965, to level the refuse and dig covering material.

The amount of refuse deposited during the year consisted of 2,417 loads weighing an estimated 4,215 tons. In addition 6,661 loads of soil and other covering material were deposited at the Tip during the year.

The large quantities of soil now being deposited at the Tip from various building projects are becoming an embarrassment, as the great majority of the soil cannot be used for covering as it arrives at too fast a rate. I feel that the quantity being deposited should be controlled as otherwise the life of the Tip will be considerably shortened.

Little trouble is experienced from rat infestation at the Tip and fly infestations are not troublesome—due to adequate covering and compaction of the refuse.

GULLEY EMPTYING

The Surveyor's Department operates a gulley emptier which is maintained on the old General Purpose Lorry.

SALVAGE

The following table gives particulars of sales during 1966.

Tons.	Cwts.	qrs.	lbs.		£	s.	d.
2	4	0	0	Mixed Iron	15	8	0
	5	3	22	Non-ferrous Metals ...	39	15	9

Pet Animals Act, 1961.

One shop was licensed under the above Act.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act.

One premises is registered under the above Act.

Public Conveniences.

List of Public Conveniences in the Urban District :—

Situation	Accommodation		
	Females		Males
Hele	2 W.C.s	2 W.C.s	3 Urinal Stalls
Brimlands ...	2 ,,	2 ,,	3 ,, ,,
Shearclose ...	3 ,,	3 ,,	4 ,, ,,
St. James' Park ...	1 ,,	1 ,,	2 ,, ,,
Pier	7 ,,	4 ,,	7 ,, ,,
Cheyne ...	2 ,,	2 ,,	3 ,, ,,
Pavilion ...	14 ,,	6 ,,	8 ,, ,,
Market Square ...	8 ,,	3 ,,	9 ,, ,,
Northfield Road ...	3 ,,	3 ,,	5 ,, ,,
Church Hill ...	4 ,,	3 ,,	6 ,, ,,
Bicclescombe Park	2 ,,	2 ,,	3 ,, ,,
The Cove ...	3 ,,	2 ,,	3 ,, ,,
Lee ...	4 ,,	2 ,,	3 ,, ,,

The new toilets at Market Square were completed during the year, where excellent facilities are provided. These came into use in May.

Conveniences at the Pier continued to be cleaned by the Harbour Staff.

All other toilets in use are visited and cleaned every day during the winter time, and more frequently during the summer months.

In May, the toilets at the Alexandra Theatre came into use which obviated the use of the toilets at Market Square by theatre-goers.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

During the year 24 renewal licenses permitting the storage of petroleum spirit and mixtures were issued.

The quantity of petroleum spirit involved was 65,960 gallons.

Licence fees received by the Local Authority amounted to £24 10s. 0d.

10 inspections were carried out during the year, and 19 tanks were the subject of satisfactory 'ullage tests' during the year.